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### House Bills

**HB 1129** by Representatives Dickerson and McIntire

Providing excise tax relief for zoos.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/2008)

Intends to provide certain excise tax relief to zoological facilities in order to further the facilities' public purpose and stimulate economic development.

Provides that there may be deducted from the measure of tax by persons subject to payment of the tax on manufacturing under RCW 82.04.240 the value of articles to the extent manufacturing activities are undertaken by a zoological facility accredited by the association of zoos and aquariums or a nonprofit facility operating for the purpose of conserving endangered or threatened species solely for the purpose of manufacturing articles for use by the zoological facility in displaying or presenting zoological exhibitions, presentations, performances, or education programs.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Finance.

Feb 2 Public hearing in committee.

Mar 2 Executive session in committee.  
FIN - Executive action taken by committee.

FIN - Majority; do pass.

Mar 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 14 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

Feb 6 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 13 Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 2.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**HB 1383** by Representatives Appleton, Campbell, Cody, Hinkle, Morrell, Walsh, Schual-Berke, Curtis, Green, Clibborn, Lantz, Moeller, Condotta, Hasegawa, Kagi, and Santos

Regulating body piercing. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Regulating body modification.)

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/2008)

Requires the secretary of health to adopt by rule requirements for standard precautions for preventing the spread of disease and the sterilization of needles, single-use disposable sharps, reusable sharps, instruments, and jewelry used by a person who practices body modification in accordance with national standards.

Requires the department of health to conduct a study of the body modification profession and make recommendations to the legislature as to whether the professions should be regulated, and to what extent, for the purpose of protecting the public interest under the criteria set forth in RCW 18.120.030.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

Feb 13 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 14 Executive session in committee.

- HCW - Executive action taken by committee.  
 HCW - Majority; do pass.
- Feb 16 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 12 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 13 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 93; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 2.  
 -- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 15 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- Mar 28 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 29 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 30 HEA - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).  
 And refer to Ways & Means.  
 Minority; without recommendation.  
 Referred to Ways & Means.
- Apr 22 By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.  
 -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --  
 -- IN THE HOUSE --
- Jan 14 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.  
 House Rules "X" file.
- Jan 29 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 6 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 13 Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 2.  
 -- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- HB 1621-S2** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives B. Sullivan, Sells, Morrell, Lovick, Ormsby, Miloscia, Springer, McCoy, Sullivan, Hasegawa, O'Brien, Roberts, Conway, Wood, Haigh, Rolfes, and Simpson)
- Preserving manufactured/mobile home communities.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)  
 Declares an intent to encourage and facilitate the preservation of existing manufactured/mobile home communities in the event of voluntary sales of manufactured/mobile home communities and, to the extent necessary and possible, to involve manufactured/mobile home community tenants or an eligible organization representing tenants, such as a nonprofit organization, housing authority, or local government, in the preservation of manufactured/mobile home communities.  
 Provides for certain notice requirements for landlords intending to sell manufactured/mobile home communities.  
 Provides that a landlord intending to sell a manufactured/mobile home community is encouraged to negotiate in good faith with qualified tenant organizations and eligible organizations, and within the ninety-day period after a notice of sale is delivered to negotiate in good faith
- and provide local governments and housing authorities with the same opportunity to purchase the property as the landlord would provide to any purchaser.  
 Establishes an office of manufactured housing.  
 Repeals provisions of chapter 59.23 RCW.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 29 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 8 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 1 Public hearing in committee.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 12 FIN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Minority; do not pass.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- HB 1865-S** by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Williams, O'Brien, Springer, Fromhold, Warnick, and McCune)
- Limiting the obligations of landlords under writs of restitution.  
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/2008)  
 Instructs a landlord to, upon the execution of a writ of restitution by the sheriff, enter and take possession of any property of the tenant found on the premises. The landlord may store the property in any reasonably secure place, including the premises, and sell or dispose of the property as provided under this act.  
 Requires the landlord to store the property if the tenant serves a written request to do so on the landlord or the landlord's representative by any of the methods described in RCW 59.18.365 no later than three days after service of the writ.  
 Provides that when serving a tenant with a writ of restitution, the sheriff shall also serve the tenant with a form provided by the landlord that can be used to request the landlord to store the tenant's property.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 13 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 21 Executive session in committee.  
 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 7 1st substitute bill substituted.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.  
 -- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 9 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.
- Mar 15 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 27 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 29 CPH - Majority; do pass.  
 Minority; do not pass.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Apr 3	Made eligible to be placed on second reading.	Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Apr 6	Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.	Apr 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Apr 22	Referred to Rules. By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.	Apr 22 Referred to Rules. By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.
	-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION -- -- IN THE HOUSE --	-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION -- -- IN THE HOUSE --
Jan 14	By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.	Jan 14 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
Feb 6	Placed on third reading by Rules Committee.	Jan 29 Placed on third reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 13	Rules suspended. Returned to second reading for amendment. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.	Feb 13 Rules suspended. Returned to second reading for amendment. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1.
	-- IN THE SENATE --	-- IN THE SENATE --
Feb 15	First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.	Feb 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

**HB 2016-S** by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Springer, Lantz, Wallace, Seaquist, Sullivan, Moeller, Lovick, Takko, Kessler, Morrell, Rolfes, Ericks, VanDeWege, Goodman, Simpson, Linville, and Ormsby)

Changing provisions pertaining to eminent domain.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/2008)

Requires that, when real property is acquired through condemnation or under the threat of condemnation, the owner of the property may retain an option to repurchase the property in accordance with this act.

Requires that additional notice be given to property owners.

Prohibits certain public entities from taking private property solely for the purpose of economic development which means the acquisition or use of real property to increase tax revenue, tax base, employment, or economic health.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 16	Public hearing in committee.
Feb 27	Executive session in committee. JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 28	Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 8	Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 10	1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.
	-- IN THE SENATE --
Mar 13	First reading, referred to Judiciary.
Mar 27	Public hearing in committee.
Mar 30	Executive session in committee. JUD - Majority; do pass.

**HB 2449-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew, Conway, Goodman, Kagi, Haler, Priest, Morrell, Green, Appleton, Sullivan, Wood, Sells, Williams, Haigh, Campbell, Simpson, Wallace, Barlow, Ormsby, Kessler, Jarrett, Dunshee, Walsh, Hudgins, Moeller, VanDeWege, Blake, Hasegawa, Hunt, Liias, Miloscia, McIntire, Kenney, Santos, Cody, Nelson, Rolfes, Chase, and Darneille)

Providing collective bargaining for child care center directors and workers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a new type of collective bargaining for child care center directors and workers whereby they can come together and bargain with the state over matters within the state's purview and support for improving the quality of child care for the state's families.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11	APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.
Feb 12	Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 14	Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**HB 2507-S2** by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives O'Brien, Ormsby, Hurst, Goodman, VanDeWege, Liias, Barlow, Green, Kelley, Warnick, and Simpson)

Expanding the statewide first responder building mapping information system to higher education facilities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to map The Evergreen State College and all of the state's community and technical colleges and place the data into the statewide first responder building mapping information system and, in consultation with the council of presidents, to study the addition of four-year institutions of

higher education to the statewide first responder building mapping information system.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 CB - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**HB 2518** by Representatives Schual-Berke, Hinkle, Pedersen, Green, Morrell, Moeller, Seaquist, VanDeWege, Ormsby, and Cody

Concerning retired volunteer medical worker licenses.  
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/2008)

Modifies the issuance of retired volunteer medical worker licenses.

Expands eligibility to applicants previously licensed in another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or Canada or any of its provinces if that licensing agency has substantially similar licensing standards as those of the disciplining authority that governs the applicant's profession in this state.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 7 Prefiled for introduction.
- Jan 14 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- Jan 21 HCW - Executive action taken by committee.  
HCW - Majority; do pass.
- Jan 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 6 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 13 Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

**HB 2533-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives McCoy, Chase, and Quall)

Concerning attachments to utility poles of locally regulated utilities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Regulates attachments to utility poles of locally regulated utilities.

Requires that a just and reasonable rate charged by a locally regulated utility ensure the locally regulated utility the recovery of not less than all the additional costs of procuring and maintaining pole attachments nor more than the actual capital and operating expenses, including just compensation, of the locally regulated utility attributable to that portion of the pole, duct, or conduit used for the pole attachment, including a share of the required support and clearance space, in proportion to the space used for the pole

attachment, as compared to all other uses made of the subject facilities and uses that remain available to the owner or owners of the subject facilities.

Requires that a locally regulated utility respond to a licensee's request to attach within forty-five days except in extraordinary circumstances.

Provides that any dispute between the locally regulated utility and a licensee, including disputes over a specific request to attach or over any rate, term, or conditions sought by the locally regulated utility or a licensee for attachments, must first be presented to the governing board of the locally regulated utility for resolution.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 11 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 2543-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunter, Ericks, and McIntire; by request of Department of Revenue)

Concerning the sourcing, for sales and use tax purposes, of sales of tangible personal property by florists.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares, for sales tax purposes, in the case of a sale in which one florist takes an order from a customer and then communicates that order to another florist who delivers the items purchased to the place designated by the customer, the location at or from which delivery is made to the consumer is deemed to be the location of the florist originally taking the order.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 2585-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives McIntire and Kessler)

Concerning the business and occupation taxation of newspaper-labeled supplements.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that newspaper supplements and electronic versions of printed newspapers are included in the definition of "newspaper" for purposes of the business and occupation tax.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 2611-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives McIntire, Condotta, Hunt, Lantz, Haigh, and Chase)

Requiring annual revaluations of property for property tax purposes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that by January 1, 2012, all taxable real property within a county must be revalued annually and all taxable real property within a county must be physically inspected at least once each six years.

Requires the department of revenue to administer a grant program to assist counties with: (a) Converting to an annual revaluation system for property tax valuation; (b) replacing computer software used for revaluations in counties where the software was purchased from commercial vendors and will not be supported by the vendor or others after January 1, 2010; or (c) the acquisition of software and integral hardware in counties currently administering an annual revaluation program where the assessor's property records are not stored in an electronic format or where the current software does not have the capacity to store, manage, and process property record components used in the valuation process.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 2625-S2** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Springer, Ericks, Williams, Lias, Ormsby, Sells, Darnelle, Simpson, and Appleton)

Providing tax relief to promote employer-assisted housing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Allows, subject to the limitations in this act, a twenty-five percent credit against the business and occupation tax imposed for contributions made by a person ("employer") to the Washington state housing finance commission employer-assisted housing program as described in this act.

Creates within the Washington state housing finance commission the employer-assisted housing program through which the commission will assist Washington employers in providing a qualified housing benefit to qualified employees.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 FIN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 2641** by Representatives Jarrett, Priest, Wallace, Ormsby, McIntire, Sells, Morrell, Upthegrove, Sullivan, and Haler

Creating a pilot program to test performance agreements at institutions of higher education.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/2008)

Creates a program to pilot test performance agreements at public four-year institutions of higher education.

Defines "performance agreement" to mean an agreement reached between the state and the governing

board of an institution of higher education and approved by the legislature using the process provided in this act.

Creates a state performance agreement committee to represent the state in developing performance agreements.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 Prefiled for introduction.  
Jan 14 First reading, referred to Higher Education.  
Feb 4 HE - Executive action taken by committee.  
HE - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).  
Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
Feb 13 Committee amendment adopted with no other amendments and floor amendment (s) also adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 1.  
-- IN THE SENATE --  
Feb 15 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

**HB 2675-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Hasegawa and Chase)

Providing for a property tax exemption for the administrative offices of certain nonprofit organizations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides the real and personal property owned by a community or neighborhood nonprofit organization providing charitable low and moderate-income housing programs is exempt from taxation to the extent the property is used primarily as an administrative office of the organization.

Requires the department of revenue to provide rules regarding administrative offices exempt under this act, consistent with the purposes of this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**HB 2712-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Hurst, Ross, Dickerson, Newhouse, Conway, Morrell, Roach, Kelley, and Ormsby)

Concerning criminal street gangs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Calls for the governor's juvenile justice advisory committee to issue a request for proposal to implement five pilot projects throughout the state that focus on combating criminal street gangs and violence.

Establishes a grant program to local law enforcement agencies.

Provides for a statewide gang information database.

Addresses civil injunctions.

Provides for an increase in sentences for adults who recruit juveniles, expansion of the list of aggravating factors, community custody for unlawful possession of a firearm, and requires courts to notify department of corrections and jails that an offender is a gang member.

Makes subsequent convictions of malicious mischief 3 a gross misdemeanor offense.

Provides for a civil cause of action for graffiti and tagging and defines criminal street gangs.

Establishes a gang relocation assistance program.

Requires a study on best practices to reduce gang involvement while incarcerated.

Provides preemptions for certain definitions used in the act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**HB 2756-S** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Kelley, Green, Wallace, Rodne, McCune, Goodman, VanDeWege, Lantz, Seaquist, Hurst, and Simpson)

Logging the telephone calls of residents of the special commitment center.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of social and health services to maintain a log of phone calls made by residents of the special commitment center. The log shall indicate the date and time when each phone call was made, the length of the call, the name of the resident who made the call, and the number called.

Provides that logs of telephone calls made by residents of the special commitment center maintained under this act are exempt from public inspection and copying.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 14 Placed on second reading suspension calendar by Rules Committee.

Feb 15 Committee recommendations adopted and the 1st substitute bill substituted. Placed on third reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 94; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 4.

**HB 2783-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Chase, Anderson, Sells, Haigh, Roberts, Hasegawa, Morrell, Sullivan, Kenney, and Hudgins)

Regarding transfer and articulation between institutions of higher education.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/2008)

Requires the higher education coordinating board to convene a work group of representatives from the state board for community and technical colleges, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the council of

presidents, and two-year and four-year institutions of higher education to develop a transfer student bill of rights.

The work group shall also develop a common set of course numbers for lower division general education courses that are generally accepted in transfer between two-year and four-year institutions of higher education as well as between four-year institutions of higher education and develop a system of identification that distinguishes the lower division general education courses that are generally transferrable as lower division general education, major or preparation for a major, or elective courses from two-year institutions of higher education to four-year institutions of higher education from courses that do not generally transfer outside an academic transfer degree.

Requires the higher education coordinating board to convene a work group including representatives from the state board for community and technical colleges, the workforce training and education coordinating board, the council of presidents, two-year institutions of higher education, and four-year institutions of higher education to develop a plan to monitor the progress and success of transfer students.

Requires the higher education coordinating board to convene a work group or assign an existing work group that includes broad representation from the workforce training and education coordinating board, the state board for community and technical colleges, institutions of higher education, the independent colleges of Washington, the center for information services, and the office of the superintendent of public instruction to create a detailed plan for developing and implementing a statewide web-based academic planning tool.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Placed on second reading.

Feb 13 2nd substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

**HB 2797-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson, Eddy, Campbell, Ormsby, Dunshee, Linville, Nelson, Jarrett, Springer, Wallace, Fromhold, Takko, Williams, Dickerson, Flannigan, Morrell, Chase, Lantz, Sells, Hunt, Pedersen, McCoy, Conway, Sullivan, Kenney, Darneille, McIntire, Green, Hudgins, Hasegawa, and Ericks)

Addressing the impacts of climate change through the growth management act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that for purposes of guiding the development and adoption of comprehensive plans and development regulations of those counties and cities that are required or choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 the following goal is adopted: Reduce climate change impacts by lessening emissions of greenhouse gases and adapt to the effects of

climate change through sustainable energy, transportation planning, and land use management practices.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to develop and provide advisory climate change response methodologies and estimates to counties and cities.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 2798-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew, Hinkle, Kenney, Springer, Blake, Priest, Hunt, Linville, Newhouse, Kretz, Dunshee, Green, Hudgins, Campbell, Ericks, Walsh, McCune, Quall, Goodman, Hurst, Seaquist, Hunter, Anderson, Hasegawa, Cody, Williams, Dickerson, Kagi, Roberts, Takko, Morrell, McIntire, Schual-Berke, Nelson, Rolfes, Loomis, Liias, Simpson, VanDeWege, McCoy, Warnick, Pedersen, Lantz, Appleton, Upthegrove, Sells, Conway, Sullivan, Santos, Moeller, and Ormsby)

Enacting the local farms-healthy kids act.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/2008)

Creates a farm-to-school program within the department of agriculture to facilitate increased procurement of Washington grown foods by the common schools.

Creates the Washington grown fresh fruit and vegetable grant program in the office of the superintendent of public instruction to facilitate consumption of Washington grown nutritious snacks in order to improve student health and expand the market for locally grown fresh produce.

Authorizes development of food procurement procedures and materials that encourage and facilitate the purchase of Washington grown food by state agencies and institutions to the maximum extent practicable.

Creates the Washington state farmers market technology improvement pilot program to lend technological hardware to farmers markets to assist farmers markets and Washington farmers develop the capability to accept electronic payment cards, including electronic benefits transfers.

Creates the farmers to food banks pilot program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 12 Placed on second reading.

Feb 13 2nd substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 2.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

**HB 2822-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives

Kagi, Walsh, Lantz, Dickerson, Haler, Sullivan, Seaquist, and Kenney)

Concerning the family and juvenile court improvement program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the family and juvenile court improvement grant program to assist superior courts in improving their family and juvenile court systems, especially in dependency cases.

Requires the Washington state institute for public policy to evaluate the implementation of the family and juvenile court improvement grant program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 2844-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Priest, Upthegrove, Campbell, Simpson, Hunt, Blake, Jarrett, Nelson, Rolfes, Dickerson, Appleton, Takko, Loomis, Lantz, Pettigrew, Hunter, Moeller, Hudgins, Quall, O'Brien, Anderson, Kenney, Pedersen, McIntire, and Roberts)

Regarding urban forestry.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Supports city efforts to conserve, protect, improve, and expand Washington's urban forest in order to reduce storm water pollution in Puget Sound, flooding, energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and storm impacts to utility infrastructure.

Requires a prioritized statewide inventory and assessment of community and urban forests.

Requires the department, with the advice of the evergreen cities partnership task force created in this act, to develop the criteria for an evergreen cities recognition program whereby the state can recognize cities and counties, to be designated as evergreen cities, who are developing excellent urban forest management programs that include urban forestry inventories, assessments, plans, ordinances, maintenance programs, partnerships, and community involvement.

Requires the department to, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, coordinate with the department of natural resources in the development and implementation of a needs-based evergreen cities grant and competitive awards program to provide financial assistance to cities, towns, and counties for the development, adoption, or implementation of evergreen cities management plans or ordinances developed under this act.

Requires the department to develop model evergreen city urban forest management plans and ordinances pursuant to this act with measurable goals and timelines to guide local government plan and ordinance adoption or development consistent with this act.

Allows a local jurisdiction to adopt an evergreen cities ordinance and an evergreen cities urban forest management plan, including enforcement mechanisms and civil penalties for violations of their jurisdiction's evergreen city ordinance.

## -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 11 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Feb 12 Minority; do not pass.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 2899-S** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Darneille, Santos, Roberts, Williams, Green, Kagi, Simpson, and Kenney)

Promoting and providing resources for adult literacy education.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the Washington state institute for public policy to study and, no later than December 1, 2008, report on the status of adult literacy education to the governor, the appropriate policy committees of the legislature, and the state board for community and technical colleges.

Requires the state board for community and technical colleges to conduct a media campaign to increase public awareness about the availability of adult, family, and workforce literacy services and resources, as well as the benefits from literacy which result, to the individual, the family, the community, and the workforce in the state.

Requires, beginning December 1, 2010, and every two years thereafter, the state board for community and technical colleges to prepare and submit a status report to the governor and the appropriate legislative policy committees regarding state and national progress in increasing adult, family, and workforce literacy.

## -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 11 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Minority; without recommendation.  
 Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 13 Placed on second reading.  
 Feb 14 1st substitute bill substituted.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 94; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 4.

**HB 3099-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Kelley, Darneille, Flannigan, Kirby, Morrell, Campbell, Lantz, Conway, Green, McDonald, Seaquist, and Sullivan)

Creating a sales and use tax deferral program for eligible investment projects in community empowerment zones.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a sales and use tax deferral program for eligible investment projects in community empowerment zones.

## -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 3120-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Rolfes, Morrell, Liias, and Williams)

Requiring a study on tax incentives to encourage green building.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Orders the department of community, trade, and economic development to conduct a study to determine the potential feasibility and effectiveness of providing tax incentives to encourage green building in commercial and residential buildings.

## -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 13 Placed on second reading.  
 Feb 14 1st substitute bill substituted.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 93; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 4.

**HB 3121-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Green, Hunt, Kenney, Roberts, Haler, Morrell, Hankins, Ericks, Appleton, Eddy, Wood, Sells, Chase, Ormsby, Hasegawa, Williams, Moeller, Campbell, Simpson, Rolfes, McIntire, and Darneille)

Implementing the recommendations of the joint legislative task force on the underground economy in the construction industry.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of labor and industries to deny an application for registration for contractors and suspend an active registration if the department determines that the applicant has falsified information on the application, unless the error was inadvertent, or the applicant does not have an active and valid certificate of registration with the department of revenue.

Provides that a contractor shall not be allowed to bid on any public works contract for one year from the date of a final determination that the contractor has committed certain violations or infractions within a five-year period.

Requires three staff members, one being a working supervisor, to be added to the department of labor and industries' fraud audit infraction and revenue contractor fraud team.

Requires the department of labor and industries to create an expanded social marketing campaign to warn consumers of the risks and potential consequences of hiring unregistered contractors.

Declares that a pilot project must be established between the department of labor and industries and certain local jurisdictions to explore ways to improve the collection and sharing of building permit information.

## -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 11 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Minority; do not pass.  
 Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 13 Placed on second reading.

Feb 14 2nd substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third  
Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 92; nays, 2;  
absent, 0; excused, 4.

**HB 3125-S2** by House Committee on Capital Budget  
(originally sponsored by Representatives  
Kenney, Haler, Sullivan, Simpson, Barlow, Quall, Kagi,  
Flannigan, Cody, Nelson, Ormsby, Darneille, and  
Hasegawa)

Creating the building communities fund program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the building communities fund account and  
program.

Requires the department to establish the building  
communities fund program. Under the program, capital and  
technical assistance grants may be made to nonprofit  
organizations for acquiring, constructing, or rehabilitating  
facilities used for the delivery of nonresidential community  
services, including social service centers and multipurpose  
community centers, including those serving a distinct or  
ethnic population. Such facilities must be located in a  
distressed community or have as a primary mission to serve  
low-income persons.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 CB - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be  
substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second  
reading.

Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules  
Committee.

**HB 3138-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally  
sponsored by Representatives DeBolt,  
Williams, Kessler, Hunt, Blake, Alexander, Bailey,  
Sullivan, Pearson, Kristiansen, Roach, VanDeWege, Haler,  
Kelley, Dunn, Kretz, Ross, Kenney, Skinner, Herrera, and  
Ormsby)

Providing tax relief for property damaged as a result of a  
natural disaster.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not  
apply to sales of tangible personal property and labor and  
services used for constructing, repairing, decorating, or  
rebuilding a residence or associated structures that was  
owned and occupied by an eligible person as a principal  
place of residence during calendar year 2007, when the  
construction, repair, decorating, or rebuilding is as a result  
of flood damage occurring during December 2007.

Provides chapter 82.12 RCW does not apply with  
respect to the use of tangible personal property and labor  
and services for constructing, repairing, decorating, or  
rebuilding a residence that was owned and occupied by an  
eligible person as a principal place of residence during  
calendar year 2007, when the construction, repair,  
decorating, or rebuilding is as a result of flood damage  
occurring during December 2007.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be  
substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second  
reading.

Feb 14 Made eligible to be placed on second  
reading.

**HB 3163-S2** by House Committee on Finance (originally  
sponsored by Representatives Kelley,  
McCune, Green, Williams, Morrell, and Conway)

Creating a military improvement zone program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of community, trade, and  
economic development to conduct a military improvement  
zone pilot program to authorize and promote financing  
tools that encourage the development of high-quality  
infrastructure and affordable housing in the areas nearest to  
federal military bases.

Requires the estimated sales and use taxes collected on  
the sale or use of tangible personal property and labor and  
services used in the construction of affordable housing  
projects in military improvement zones, less any credits  
allowed for local governments, and multiplied by the  
number of affordable housing units as a percentage of the  
total number of housing units to be developed, to be  
deposited in the military improvement zone account.

Requires the department of community, trade, and  
economic development to conduct an examination of land  
use tools and funding options that local governments can  
implement to encourage high-quality development of the  
neighborhoods nearest the state's military bases, affordable  
housing for military personnel, and infrastructure for this  
housing that is consistent with the highest public health,  
safety, and welfare standards.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 FIN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be  
substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second  
reading.

Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules  
Committee.

**HB 3180-S2** by House Committee on Capital Budget  
(originally sponsored by Representatives  
Ormsby, Green, Morrell, Lias, Dunn, and Wood)

Addressing housing reform policies to achieve greater  
efficiencies in housing investments.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of community, trade, and  
economic development to work in consultation with the  
affordable housing advisory board and representatives from  
nonprofit housing development organizations and  
affordable housing advocacy groups in the state to identify  
development costs and fees associated with affordable  
housing development projects financed through the  
Washington housing trust fund and to make  
recommendations for strategies to reduce these costs and  
fees.

Requires the department of community, trade, and  
economic development and the office of the insurance  
commissioner to work in collaboration to provide  
recommendations for strategies to reduce insurance costs  
for affordable housing projects funded by the Washington  
housing trust fund.

Creates the housing trust fund floating loan program to provide short-term, zero-interest or low-interest loans to eligible organizations making application to the Washington housing trust fund for affordable housing developments projects that are ready to proceed, but for which there is inadequate housing trust funds available during the current funding round.

Adds the use of funds to promote increased housing density as a consideration for the housing finance commission general plan of housing finance objectives.

Requires the housing finance commission to report to the legislature annually regarding implementation of the plan with updates to the plan every two years.

Requires the housing finance commission to adopt rules to assure that tax exempt bonds issued under chapter 43.180 RCW for multifamily affordable housing developments be awarded first to qualified applications submitted by qualified nonprofit organizations.

Provides that affordable housing developments funded by the Washington housing trust fund under chapters 43.185 and 43.185A RCW are exempt from department of transportation rules regarding commercial relocation.

Creates the housing communities program within the department of community, trade, and economic development to provide technical assistance and organizational capacity building programs to private, community-based nonprofit organizations that primarily serve communities of color or multilingual communities.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 CB - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**HB 3185-S** by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Dunshee, and Crouse)

Providing for a water system acquisition and rehabilitation program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a water system acquisition and rehabilitation program.

Declares the program will be jointly administered with the public works board and the department of community, trade, and economic development. All financing provided through the program must be in the form of grants that partially cover project costs. The maximum grant to any eligible entity may not exceed twenty-five percent of the funds allocated to the appropriation in any fiscal year.

Requires the department of health in consultation with the public works board to prepare a report on the water system acquisition and rehabilitation program and make recommendations regarding strengthening the program and increasing the financial assistance provided through the program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 3193-S** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Ormsby, Chandler, Hunt, Kretz, Green, Armstrong, Kessler, Appleton, Hudgins, Dickerson, Kelley, Morrell, Sells, VanDeWege, Wood, Kenney, and Conway)

Modifying state whistleblower protections.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the state auditor to investigate, within available resources, reports of improper governmental activities made by whistleblowers to any public official pursuant to RCW 42.40.050. Any public official receiving the report must submit a record of that report to the auditor within fifteen business days of receiving it.

Requires that governmental employees be provided annual notice of their rights under chapter 42.40 RCW. Such reminders may be in agency internal newsletters, notices included with paychecks or stubs, e-mail notices sent to all employees, or other such means that are both cost-effective and reach all employees of the government agency, division, or subdivision.

Revises provisions protecting whistleblowers from reprisals or retaliatory actions.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**HB 3234-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Green, Darneille, Sullivan, Wood, Ormsby, Hasegawa, Pettigrew, McIntire, Appleton, Hunt, Moeller, Morrell, Rolfes, Dunn, Roberts, Sells, Simpson, Conway, O'Brien, Santos, Campbell, Liias, VanDeWege, Loomis, Kagi, Dickerson, and Nelson)

Requiring a study to evaluate potential revenue sources and costs of providing a sales tax remittance program for low-income workers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of revenue, in consultation of the department of community, trade, and economic development, to conduct a study to evaluate potential revenue sources and the fiscal cost of providing a sales tax remittance program for low-income workers who claim the federal earned income tax credit.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 3264-S** by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Loomis, Ormsby, Liias, and Wood)

Regarding public works projects.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 3283-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Herrera, Takko, Orcutt, Hurst, Eddy, Sump, Ericks, Fromhold, McCoy, Hudgins, Kelley, Kessler, Dunn, Ormsby, Linville, Roach, and McCune)

Relieving active duty military personnel of interest and penalties on delinquent excise taxes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides notwithstanding any other provision of RCW 82.32.050, no interest or penalties may be assessed during any period of armed conflict on delinquent taxes imposed on a business where the majority owner of the business is an individual who is on active duty in the military, and the individual is participating in a conflict and assigned to a duty station outside the territorial boundaries of the United States.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**HB 3291-S** by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Kelley, Santos, Pettigrew, Cody, Hudgins, Pedersen, Dickerson, Nelson, Quall, Kenney, Sullivan, McIntire, Green, and Barlow)

Enacting the community schools act of 2008.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides capital grant funds for the development of community schools and to convert empty school buildings into community facilities. Grants may be used for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and improvement of facilities to assist with the implementation of this act.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to provide a ten percent enhancement to the area cost allowance for school districts requesting state assistance under chapter 28A.525 RCW if the district can certify and provide documentation that they have a comprehensive plan for cooperative partnerships that include the joint use of school facilities for qualified services for the facility proposed for assistance.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 14 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.  
Feb 15 Placed on second reading.

**HB 3303-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Grant, Walsh, Haler, and Linville)

Concerning tax incentives for certain polysilicon manufacturers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Expresses intent that tax incentives be provided for the manufacture of polysilicon for use in solar panels.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**HB 3309-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Ormsby, Kretz, Blake, Linville, and Kenney; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Regarding the Columbia river water delivery account.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that nothing in this act expands, impairs, or otherwise affects the existing status and sovereignty of the tribal governments involved in Lake Roosevelt water releases.

Directs the department of ecology to conduct an assessment of the potential impacts of water releases, establish a process for identifying and reporting on future impacts and for making recommendations for mitigation, and pursue the development of new water supplies.

Creates the Columbia river water delivery account in the state treasury.

Makes appropriations.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 11 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 3329-S** by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Fromhold, McDonald, Ormsby, Wallace, Alexander, Sells, and McIntire)

Prioritizing four-year higher education institutions' capital project requests.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires, by October 15th of each even-numbered year, the office of financial management to complete an objective analysis and scoring of all capital budget projects proposed by the public four-year institutions of higher education and submit the results of the scoring process to the legislative fiscal committees, the higher education coordinating board, and the four-year institutions, except that, for 2008, the office of financial management shall complete the objective analysis and scoring by November 1st. Each project must be reviewed and scored within one of the categories listed in the act, according to the project's principal purpose. Each project may be scored in only one category.

Requires, by August 15th of each even-numbered year, beginning in 2008, each public four-year higher education institution to prepare and submit prioritized lists of the individual projects proposed by the institution for the ensuing six-year period in each category, except for research institutions which shall prepare two separate prioritized lists in each category, one for the main campus, and one covering all of the institution's branch campuses.

Requires the state board for community and technical colleges, the four-year institutions, the council of presidents, and the higher education coordinating board, in consultation with the office of financial management and legislative leadership, to submit a higher education capital facility financing study to the governor and the appropriate legislative fiscal committees by December 1, 2008.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**HB 3330-S** by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Fromhold, Ormsby, Priest, Sullivan, McCune, Wood, and McIntire)

Providing for the sale of bonds for facilities for career and technical education.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides for the purpose of providing needed capital improvements consisting of the predesign, design, acquisition, construction, modification, renovation, expansion, equipping, and other improvements of skill centers facilities, including capital improvements to support satellite or branch campus programs for underserved rural areas or high-density areas, the state finance committee is authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of one hundred three million dollars, or as much thereof as may be required, to finance all or a part of these projects and all costs incidental thereto.

Creates the skill centers building account.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to adopt rules that set as a goal a ten percent minimum local project contribution threshold for major skill center projects, unless the superintendent determines there is a compelling rationale not to do so.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 14 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

**HB 3370** by Representatives Dunn, McCune, McDonald, Schindler, Ahern, Crouse, and Campbell

Exempting senior citizens from certain licensing fees for motor homes.

Exempts any applicant who is sixty-five years of age or older from the fee imposed under RCW 46.01.140(4) on an

application for any motor home for which the applicant is the registered owner.

Exempts any individual who is sixty-five years of age or older from the RV account fee imposed under RCW 46.16.063 on a motor home for which the individual is the registered owner.

Exempts any individual who is sixty-five years of age or older from the fee imposed under RCW 46.16.237 on a plate or plates for a motor home for which the individual is the registered owner.

Exempts any applicant who is sixty-five years of age or older from the fee imposed under RCW 46.16.270 on a plate or plates for any motor home for which the applicant is the registered owner.

Exempts any individual who is sixty-five years of age or older from the fee imposed under RCW 46.17.020 on a motor home for which the individual is the registered owner.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.

**HB 3371** by Representatives Ahern, McCune, Dunn, and Roach

Prohibiting specified sex offenses against children.

Provides a person is guilty of rape of a child in the fourth degree when the person has sexual intercourse with another who is at least sixteen years old but less than eighteen years old and not married to the perpetrator and the perpetrator is a least sixty months older than the victim.

Provides a person is guilty of child molestation in the fourth degree when the person has, or knowingly causes another person under the age of eighteen to have, sexual contact with another who is at least sixteen years old but less than eighteen years old and not married to the perpetrator and the perpetrator is a least sixty months older than the victim.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

**HB 3372** by Representatives Haler, Simpson, Warnick, and Hankins

Addressing county elected officials keeping offices at the county seat.

Modifies provisions regarding county elected officials keeping offices at the county seat.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Local Government.

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## Senate Bills

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**SB 5278-S2** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Kastama, Kline, Spanel, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Regala, Pridemore, Poulsen, Fraser, Rasmussen, and Rockefeller)

Concerning use of public funds to finance campaigns for local office.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/13/2008)

Provides that a county, city, town, or district that establishes a program to publicly finance local political campaigns may only use funds derived from local sources to fund the program.

Requires a local government to submit any proposal for public financing of local political campaigns to voters for their adoption and approval or rejection.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 15 Executive session in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 GO - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Jan 30 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 13 2nd substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 29; nays, 20; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

**SB 5714-S** by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Prentice, Rasmussen, Oemig, Clements, Rockefeller, Tom, Fairley, Hobbs, Shin, Swecker, Holmquist, Benton, Stevens, Parlette, Delvin, and Kline)

Creating a pilot program of Spanish and Chinese language instruction.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/13/2008)

Establishes a pilot program of Spanish and Chinese language instruction.

Provides that, beginning in June 2009 and continuing for the life of the pilot program, the superintendent of public instruction shall submit an annual report to the governor and the legislature that summarizes the pilot program and its effectiveness. The report shall also include a recommendation as to whether or not the pilot program should be continued, expanded, or otherwise modified.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 26 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

Feb 28 EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.

Referred to Ways & Means.

Mar 2 Public hearing in committee.

Mar 5 Executive session in committee.

WM - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Early Learning & K-12 Education.

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 8 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 9 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Mar 12 First reading, referred to Education.

Mar 16 Public hearing in committee.

Mar 27 Executive session in committee.  
ED - Executive action taken by committee.

ED - Majority; do pass.

Mar 30 Referred to Appropriations.

Apr 22 By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

-- IN THE SENATE --

Jan 14 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

Made eligible to be placed on third reading.

Feb 12 Placed on third reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 13 Rules suspended.

Returned to second reading for amendment.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Education.

**SB 6206-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Zarelli, Pflug, Hargrove, and Stevens)

Concerning agency reviews and reports regarding child abuse, neglect, and near fatalities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides, in the event of a child whose fatality or near fatality is the result of apparent abuse by his or her parent or caregiver, the review team shall be comprised of individuals who had no involvement in the case but whose professional expertise is pertinent to the dynamics of the case.

Provides, upon conclusion of a child fatality or near fatality review required under RCW 74.13.640, the department shall issue a report on the results of the review within one hundred eighty days following the unexpected death or near fatality of the child, unless an extension has been granted by the governor.

Requires the office of the family and children's ombudsman to issue an annual report to the legislature on the status of the implementation of child fatality and near fatality review recommendations.

Provides, if a report of alleged abuse or neglect is founded and constitutes the third founded report received by the department within the last twelve months involving the same child or family, the department shall promptly notify the office of the family and children's ombudsman of

the contents of the report. The department shall also notify the ombudsman of the disposition of the report.

Provides, upon receiving a report of alleged abuse or neglect involving a child under the court's jurisdiction under chapter 13.34 RCW, the department shall promptly notify the child's guardian ad litem of the report's contents. The department shall also notify the guardian ad litem of the disposition of the report.

Requires the ombudsman to review all referrals made by mandated reporters during 2006 and 2007 and report to the appropriate committees of the legislature on the following: The number and types of referrals from mandated reporters; the disposition of the referrals by category of mandated reporters; how many referrals resulted in the filing of dependency actions; any patterns established by the department in how it dealt with such referrals; whether the history of fatalities in 2006 and 2007 showed referrals by mandated reporters; and any other information the ombudsman deems relevant. The report is due no later than December 31, 2008.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 13 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 15 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**SB 6220-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Parlette, Pflug, Prentice, and Kohl-Welles)

Allowing the delegation of nursing tasks to care for persons with diabetes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Declares the intent to modify nurse delegation statutes to the extent needed to enable elderly persons and persons with disabilities who have diabetes to continue to reside in their own home or other home-like settings.

Provides that in community-based or in-home care settings, the tasks of diabetic insulin device set up and verbal verification of insulin dosage for sight-impaired individuals is not required to be delegated from a registered nurse to a registered or certified nursing assistant.

Declares that the administration of insulin by injection to certified nursing assistants for the purpose of caring for individuals with diabetes may be delegated.

Provides that when delegating insulin injections under this act, the registered nurse delegator must instruct the individual regarding proper injection procedures and the use of insulin, demonstrate proper injection procedures, and must supervise and evaluate the individual performing the delegated task weekly during the first four weeks of delegation of insulin injections.

Provides that before commencing the care of individuals with diabetes that involves administration of insulin by injection, the certified nursing assistant must provide to the delegating nurse a certificate of completion issued by the department of social and health services indicating completion of specialized diabetes nurse delegation training.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 15 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

**SB 6227-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Jacobsen)

Providing support and resources to outer coast marine resources committees.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides in lieu of creating a new entity, participating county legislative authorities may designate a lead entity created under RCW 77.85.050 to also serve as a marine resources committee. County legislative authorities may only make this designation where the lead entity consents in writing to also serve as a marine resources committee.

Creates the outer coast marine resources committee program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 15 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

**SB 6231-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen and Shin)

Improving the coordination of marine protected areas.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the marine protected areas work group.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 15 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

**SB 6295-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Rockefeller, Hobbs, Shin, Franklin, Marr, Rasmussen, Kastama, Kauffman, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Hatfield, Berkey, and Regala)

Creating workplace-based electronically distributed learning opportunities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Orders the workforce training and education coordinating board to identify and evaluate current national private employer workplace-based educational programs with distance learning components provided by public colleges and universities. The board shall use a matching fund strategy to select and evaluate up to eight pilot projects operated by Washington institutions of higher education.

Provides that the board may receive and expend federal funds and private gifts or grants, which funds must be

expended in accordance with any conditions upon which the funds are contingent.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 13 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 15 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**SB 6448-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Marr, Zarelli, Keiser, Delvin, Kline, Brown, Brandland, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Shin, Pflug, McAuliffe, Rasmussen, and Kilmer)

Providing for intensive behavior support services for children with developmental disabilities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides intensive in-home services may be provided by the department of social and health services, or an entity with which the department has contracted, to children and their families only when the department has determined factors outlined in the act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6483-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hatfield, Honeyford, Rasmussen, Haugen, Swecker, Tom, Morton, Rockefeller, Fraser, Hargrove, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Brandland, Kilmer, Shin, McDermott, Kauffman, Murray, Hobbs, Kastama, Fairley, Pridemore, Regala, McAuliffe, Jacobsen, Kline, Brown, Franklin, Hewitt, Spanel, Parlette, Oemig, and Roach)

Enacting the local farms-healthy kids act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a farm-to-school program within the department of agriculture to facilitate increased procurement of Washington grown foods by the common schools.

Creates the Washington grown fresh fruit and vegetable grant program in the office of the superintendent of public instruction to facilitate consumption of Washington grown nutritious snacks in order to improve student health and expand the market for locally grown fresh produce.

Requires development of food procurement procedures and materials that facilitate the purchase of Washington grown food by state agencies and institutions to the maximum extent practicable and consistent with international trade agreements.

Requires development of policies requiring all food contracts to include a plan to maximize to the extent practicable and consistent with international trade agreement commitments the availability of Washington grown food purchased through the contract.

Creates the Washington state farmers market technology improvement pilot program to lend technological hardware to farmers markets to assist farmers

markets and Washington farmers develop the capability to accept electronic payment cards, including electronic benefits transfers.

Creates the farmers to food banks pilot program.

Provides, beginning with the 2009 fiscal year, the office of financial management shall work with the department of general administration, the department of agriculture, and the office of the superintendent of public instruction to develop measures for reporting on changes and trends in the purchasing of Washington grown food by state agencies, institutions of higher education, and schools, and provide a report biennially to the appropriate committees of the legislature.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 13 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 15 2nd substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

**SB 6502-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Oemig, Rasmussen, and Kline)

Reducing the release of mercury into the environment.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, effective July 1, 2010, all state-funded public agency facilities, and effective January 1, 2011, all commercial, industrial, and retail facilities and office buildings must recycle their end-of-life mercury-added general purpose lights.

Declares that, effective June 30, 2009, the sale or purchase and delivery of bulk mercury, and the manufacture, sale, or distribution of any mercury-added product, are prohibited, subject to exceptions.

Directs the department of ecology to conduct research and develop recommendations for the implementation and financing of a convenient and effective mercury-added general purpose light recycling program.

Repeals RCW 70.95M.090.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6522-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Zarelli, Hargrove, Benton, Kauffman, Murray, Kline, Kilmer, Keiser, Tom, Shin, Delvin, Marr, Prentice, McAuliffe, Roach, Pridemore, Franklin, Rockefeller, Weinstein, Rasmussen, and Eide)

Providing collective bargaining for child care center directors and workers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides collective bargaining for child care center directors and workers.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**SB 6583-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Brandland and Hargrove)

Changing provisions relating to eligibility for medical assistance.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the department of social and health services shall set the categorically needy income level for adults who are sixty-five years of age or older, blind, or disabled, at eighty percent of the federal poverty level as adjusted annually beginning July 1, 2009, at ninety percent beginning July 1, 2011, and at one hundred percent beginning July 1, 2013.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 15 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 44; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 5.

**SB 6645-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Carrell, Murray, Schoesler, Holmquist, Stevens, Kohl-Welles, Roach, and Rasmussen; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy and LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board)

Providing interruptive military service credit for members of plans 2 and 3 who provide proof to the director that their interruptive military service was during a period of war defined in RCW 41.04.005.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides interruptive military service credit for members of plans 2 and 3 of the public employees' retirement system, plans 2 and 3 of the teachers' retirement system, plan 2 of the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system, plan 2 of the Washington state patrol retirement system, and the public safety employees' retirement system.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6760-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Zarelli, Rasmussen, Roach, and Fairley)

Concerning the developmental disabilities trust account.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that net proceeds from excess property at the residential habilitation centers of Fircrest school, Yakima Valley school, and Francis Hadden Morgan Center must be deposited into the community trust account and proceeds may include amounts from the disposal of surplus land.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 13 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

Feb 15 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**SB 6775-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kauffman, Kilmer, Shin, Kastama, Franklin, Kohl-Welles, and Rasmussen)

Addressing the digital literacy and technology training needs of low-income and underserved areas through state support of community technology programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses the digital literacy and technology training needs of low-income and underserved areas through state support of community technology programs.

Creates the technology opportunity program to support the efforts of community technology programs throughout the state.

Establishes the Washington community technology opportunity account in the state treasury.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 13 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 14 2nd substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

**SB 6809-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, McAuliffe, Rockefeller, Eide, Oemig, Hatfield, Regala, Fraser, Brown, Fairley, Tom, Kilmer, Keiser, Franklin, Kauffman, Kline, Rasmussen, Spanel, Jacobsen, and Kohl-Welles)

Providing a tax exemption for working families measured by the federal earned income tax credit.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares the intent to provide a sales and use tax exemption, in the form of a remittance, to lower-income working families in Washington.

Declares that the department of revenue must assess the implementation of the working families' tax exemption in a report to the legislature to identify administrative or resource issues that require legislative action.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6818-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Oemig, Brandland, Tom, Zarelli, Kastama, Weinstein, Kilmer, Keiser, and Kohl-Welles)

Promoting transparency in state expenditures.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires, by January 1, 2009, the office of financial management to establish and make available to the public a state expenditure information web site to contain certain information for the prior fiscal year, with the data in each of the categories linked to the other categories.

Provides that the office of financial management, in conjunction with the public disclosure commission, shall establish a database that links the database of state agency contracts for personal services and purchased services required to be filed with the office of financial management and the database of campaign contributions required to be reported to the public disclosure commission.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6855-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Brandland, Hatfield, and McAuliffe)

Concerning funding for jobs, economic development, and local capital projects.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Removes outdated and obsolete language from chapter 43.160 RCW to streamline and enhance the understanding of state infrastructure.

Requires the Washington state economic development commission, in consultation with the community economic revitalization board, to conduct outcome-based evaluations of the financial assistance provided by the community economic development revitalization board on a biennial basis.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 13 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
Feb 14 2nd substitute bill substituted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 42; nays, 6; absent, 0; excused, 1.

**SB 6874-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Brown, Rockefeller, Kauffman, and Rasmussen; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Regarding Columbia river water delivery.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the Columbia river water delivery account in the state treasury.

Directs the department of ecology to conduct an assessment of the potential impacts of water releases; establish a process for identifying and reporting on future impacts and for making recommendations for mitigation; and pursue the development of new water supplies.

Provides, on July 1, 2008, and each July 1st thereafter for the duration of the agreements described in this act, the state treasurer shall transfer funds from the general fund into the Columbia river water delivery account in the amounts described in this act.

Appropriations are made for distribution to affected counties to mitigate for negative impacts caused by releases of Lake Roosevelt water; and to retain a contractor to perform an independent analysis of legislative options to protect rural communities in northeast Washington from disproportionate economic, agricultural, and environmental impacts when upstream water rights are purchased and transferred for use, or idled and used as mitigation, in a downstream watershed or county.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 13 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 14 2nd substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

**SB 6903-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Brandland, Oemig, Roach, Franklin, Spanel, Parlette, Rockefeller, and Rasmussen)

Prioritizing four-year higher education institutions' capital project requests.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires, by October 15th of each even-numbered year, beginning in 2008, the office of financial management to complete an objective analysis and scoring of all capital budget projects proposed by the public four-year institutions of higher education and submit the results of the scoring process to the legislative fiscal committees, the higher education coordinating board, and the four-year institutions, except that for 2008, the analysis and scoring must be completed by November 1st. Each project must be

reviewed and scored within one of the categories listed in the act, according to the project's principal purpose. Each project may be scored in only one category.

Requires, by August 15th of each even-numbered year, beginning in 2008, each public four-year higher education institution to prepare and submit prioritized lists of the individual projects proposed by the institution.

Requires the office of financial management to submit a higher education capital facility financing study to the governor and the appropriate legislative fiscal committees by December 1, 2008.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6947** by Senator Prentice

Relating to criminal justice.

Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6948** by Senator Prentice

Relating to human services.

Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6949** by Senators Brown, Hargrove, and Kauffman

Simplifying the administration of the low-income homeowner deferral program.

Simplifies the administration of the low-income homeowner deferral program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.